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IN THE CLAIMS:

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7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A process as set forth in claim 1 wherein said boric acid is introduced for manufacturing a cellulosic paper product, the process comprising:
forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers;
introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension in an amount from about 5 to about 20% by weight of papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension;
depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming fabric to form a wet web; and
through-drying said wet web by passing heated air through said wet web.
9. (Previously Presented) A process as set forth in claim 8 wherein said boric acid is introduced into said aqueous suspension in an amount from about 10 to about 15% by weight of papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension.
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18. (Currently Amended) A process as set forth in claim 15 wherein ~~said boric acid is introduced for making a cellulosic paper product, the process comprising:~~

forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers;
introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension in an amount ranging from about 5 to about 20% by weight of papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension;

depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming fabric to form a wet web, said boric acid being introduced into said aqueous suspension prior to depositing said aqueous suspension onto said sheet-forming fabric; and

through-drying said wet web by passing heated air through said wet web.

19. (Original) A process as set forth in claim 18 wherein said boric acid is introduced into said aqueous suspension in an amount ranging from about 10 to about 15% by weight of papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension.

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26. (Previously Presented) A process for manufacturing a cellulosic paper product, the process comprising:
 forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers;
 introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension in an amount from about 5 to about 20% by weight of papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension;
 depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming fabric to form a wet web, said boric acid being introduced into said aqueous suspension prior to depositing said aqueous suspension onto said sheet-forming fabric; and
 dewatering and drying said wet web.

27. (Previously Presented) A process as set forth in claim 26 wherein said boric acid is introduced into said aqueous suspension in an amount from about 10 to about 15% by weight of papermaking fiber present in said aqueous suspension.

28. (Previously Presented) A process as set forth in claim 26 wherein said wet web is through-dried by passing heated air through said wet web.